

PREFACE

Within this volume will be found a continuation of engravings and brief biographical sketches of some of the men who have helped to make and are making of Canada at the present time a great country within itself.

The appreciation of this work by the Press can be best illustrated through the reproduction of a few extracts from the columns of prominent newspapers, as follows:—

The Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute of London.

The Canadian Press Syndicate has shown considerable foresight and enterprise in gathering together the materials for this voluminous "Encyclopaedia of Canadian Biography." The want of such a work has been felt for some time past, and, providing the selection of the subjects is judiciously performed, it should prove both a literary and a commercial success. Canada has already produced several very creditable biographical works, but never before has one appeared on so elaborate a scale, representing the Dominion as a whole and setting forth the lives of the leading men of science and commerce scattered throughout all its provinces. The work is to consist of several volumes, which will be issued from time to time as sufficient material is collected. There has been no attempt to unduly enlarge the biographical notices, which are terse and to the point, and, as the compilers state, will generally be found to contain the chief details of the lives of those whose names are included in the work. The steel engravings accompanying each biographical sketch are excellent productions, and reflect considerable credit upon those who are identified with the production of the Encyclopaedia. In the first volume the names of many of Canada's greatest men appear, embracing leaders of political parties, the law, the medical profession, commerce, literature, etc. The work is a most useful and valuable one for reference purposes, and should receive the support not only of Canadians themselves, but of those interested in Canada in all parts of the world.—*The Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute.*

The Montreal Witness.

The Canadian Press Syndicate has just issued a highly artistic and valuable "Encyclopaedia of Canadian Biography." It includes more than a hundred sketches and portraits of Canadians in every walk of life, beginning with Lord Strathcona and ending with Mr. Robert Meighen, the president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. A few of the portraits and reading matter concern eminent Canadians who have passed away. Among these are the late William Mellis Christie, the late Hugh McLennan, the late William Allan Murray, the late C. F. Smithers, and others who did so much to help to build up commercially "this Canada of ours." The biographies are clearly and ably written, the portraits are artistic and "speaking likenesses," and the make-up of the handsome volume is highly praiseworthy. As the preface sets forth, there have been several very creditable biographical works already produced in Canada, but some of them have been as handsomely and richly illustrated nor quite so elaborately bound and carefully printed as this present volume concerning Canada's Prominent Men.—*The Montreal Witness.*

The Hamilton Herald.

The "Encyclopaedia of Canadian Biography," published by the Canadian Press Syndicate, promises to be the most elaborate and complete work of the kind that has appeared in this country. The first volume, just to hand, shows that the subjects of the biographical sketches are carefully chosen, being all prominent men in various walks of life. The text is well written and the

portraits are very fine steel engravings. When the five or six volumes are completed the work will be a monumental one.—*The Hamilton Herald.*

The Montreal Daily Star.

The first volume of a work entitled "An Encyclopaedia of Canadian Biography," has just been issued by the Canadian Press Syndicate. One by one and nine representative Canadians are represented, and in succeeding volumes it is expected to increase the list. There can be little doubt that some such comprehensive scheme has been long demanded, and the work will be of interest to all who have occasion to consult works of reference. The accuracy of the biographies is guaranteed. Each article is illustrated by a handsome steel engraving of the gentleman whose career is treated, and in almost every instance remarkably fine likenesses are given. In the biographies there has manifestly been no attempt made to laud the subjects unduly; an attempt has rather been made to give the facts connected with the careers of the gentlemen in the most succinct form possible, while indicating, as nearly as can be in so limited space, some idea of the characteristics that have conspired to bring about the successful careers under treatment.—*The Montreal Daily Star.*

The Toronto Mail and Empire.

Volume I. of the "Encyclopaedia of Canadian Biography," which has just been issued by the Canadian Press Syndicate, is a very beautiful number. The illustrations, which comprise leading citizens in politics, business, law, and other professions, are engravings in steel, the most enduring method of reproducing a photograph. Brief biographical sketches accompany each illustration. The book, which is bound in leather, is printed on extra heavy paper of excellent quality. The publishers declare in their preface: "It is our purpose to persevere in this work until it represents the Dominion as a whole, and I will be, as this volume indicates, the best work of its class ever undertaken in Canada or, to our knowledge, in any other country." The first volume contains 100 sketches of prominent Canadians and a like number of steel engravings. Among the Toronto citizens mentioned are Senator Cox, Hon. George W. Ross, Hon. Lyman Melvin Jones, Mr. John Macdonald, Edward William Cox, F. G. Cox, Noel G. Marshall, Sir William Mulock, Elias Rogers, and Mr. John Hoskin, K.C.—*The Toronto Mail and Empire.*

The Hamilton Evening Times.

The first volume of the "Encyclopaedia of Canadian Biography," published by the Canadian Press Syndicate, Montreal and Toronto, has just been issued, and it meets every expectation of the most exacting critic. The book is a handsome quarto volume of about two inches in thickness, and contains the portraits and biographical sketches of 100 eminent Canadians. The portraits are from steel plates and are beautifully printed on specially prepared paper, the letterpress being on the opposite pages. Each portrait is accompanied with a facsimile signature, and the book is interleaved with tissue. It is a most creditable effort of the illustrator's, printer's, and binder's arts, and will prove to be a valuable addition to any library, the biographical sketches being trustworthy and up to date.—*The Hamilton Evening Times.*